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Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist

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For : NITROCELLULOSE GAS GENERATING

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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a two (2) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2002. The response date set in the Office Action was March 5, 2003. A response is being filed herewith today, May 5, 2003, which is within the second month after the response date. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$410.00, which is the fee for a two month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two (2) months so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.

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